



## Part B – Please use a separate sheet for each representation

Name or Organisation: William McKeown

3. To which part of the Local Plan does this representation relate?

Paragraph	12.2	Policy	NB1 Protecting, Enhancing and Expanding Natural Assets	Policies Map	Page 235 Site ref 036c
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4. Do you consider the Local Plan is :

(1) Legally compliant	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) Sound	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please tick as appropriate

5. Please give details of why you consider the Local Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please be as precise as possible.



If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.

I consider that, in respect of site 036c in the South Staffs Publication Plan, the Plan is unsound and may not be legally compliant. It has evidently not been the subject of effective 'duty to co-operate' liaison with Stafford Borough Council (SBC).

I ask for site 036c to be deleted, in its entirety, from the Plan.

My reasoning for this is as follows:

A) The proposed development at site 036c is not compliant with policy NB1 that states that '*[s]upport will be given for proposals which protect and enhance the quality of the natural environment.*' Here, the proposal represents a disfigurement of the natural environment without a thorough understanding of the localised lack of need for new housing provision (as previously outlined). Moreover, Acton Hill Farm is of significant agricultural value to the surrounding area and, with its versatile soil provision, has produced crops for several generations. The proposed development at site 036c is therefore in breach of policy NB1, which states that:

*'Valued soils will be protected and enhanced, including the best and most versatile agricultural land, and development should not contribute to unacceptable levels of soil pollution.'*

The land at site 036c is grade 3A which is among the most versatile classifications and therefore should not be subject to development by the logic of policy NB1.

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6. Please set out the modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant and sound, in respect of any legal compliance or soundness matters you have identified at 5 above. (Please note that non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination). You will need to say why each modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.

As previously stated, site 036c has seen 2 rejected proposals in the last 5 years and therefore has a history of being ruled unsuitable for development. Therefore, propose I propose that the development at 036c be deleted from the proposed plans due to the reasons stated above.



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**Please note:** In your representation you should provide succinctly all the evidence and supporting information necessary to support your representation and your suggested modification(s). You should not assume that you will have a further opportunity to make submissions.

**After this stage, further submissions may only be made if invited by the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he or she identifies for examination.**

7. If your representation is seeking a modification to the plan, do you consider it necessary to participate in examination hearing session(s)?

**No**, I do not wish to participate in hearing session(s)

**Yes**, I wish to participate in hearing session(s)

Please note that while this will provide an initial indication of your wish to participate in hearing session(s), you may be asked at a later point to confirm your request to participate.

8. If you wish to participate in the hearing session(s), please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

The considerable numbers of residents who have signed to support these objections and have provided financial support for expert opinion, expect to have an expert professional opinion to support their participation at the hearing by the Planning Inspectorate. This is to ensure that the lack of need and breaches of Policy are brought to the attention of the Inspector.